

CELEBRATING WOOD LAKE NA-
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HON. ILHAN OMAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the City of Richfield, Minnesota, as they break ground on their renovation of Wood Lake Nature Center.

Wood Lake Nature Center is one of Minnesota's first environmental education centers. Since 1971, the Center has been a destination for south metro residents looking to experience marsh, woodland, and restored prairie land in the heart of an urban setting. Over 100,000 people visit the center each year, including 25,000 who go for programming like summer camps, group hikes, archery, wilderness skill training, birding, and more. On a daily basis, around three separate schools bring their students to learn about the natural world. It has become an invaluable resource to inner city students who otherwise may not have access to the preserved natural spaces and environmental education provided at Wood Lake Nature Center.

While hosting such a diversity of guests and programs, Wood Lake Nature Center had found it difficult to keep up with rising demand. Their 4,000-square-foot visitors center had fallen into disrepair, and it couldn't adequately house all of the programs and visitors that have come to love the connection to nature they receive there.

The City of Richfield embarked on a multi-year capital campaign and planning process to reimagine what the Center could be. They worked with the Science Museum of Minnesota on educational nature exhibits, talked with architects and contractors on the building design, and passed a ballot initiative to help raise funds. Voters overwhelmingly approved this new funding. I was also proud to secure a Congressional appropriation of \$3,000,000 through Community Project Funding to make sure this project could move forward.

Richfield's groundbreaking ceremony is a celebration of what is possible when community members, elected leaders, non-profits, businesses, and philanthropic groups work together and dream big. Next fall, thousands of Minnesotans will get to walk through the doors of a visitors center that is a fitting centerpiece to this incredible nature preserve. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Richfield, and the whole Wood Lake Nature Center team, on this remarkable achievement.

HONORING CJ KIRST

HON. THOMAS H. KEAN, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KEAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize CJ Kirst—a talented athlete, loyal teammate, and valued member of his community. CJ grew up in Bernardsville, New Jersey and attended Cornell University, where he recently completed one of the most historic men's lacrosse careers of all time.

During his senior year at Cornell, CJ broke the NCAA record for the most career goals

(247) and tied the NCAA record for single-season goals (82). These efforts led the Big Red to win the program's first national title since 1977.

CJ also became this year's first overall draft pick by the Premier Lacrosse League and was selected by the Philadelphia Waterdogs. As a result of his impressive time at the collegiate level, CJ is the most recent recipient of the Tewaaron Award—the highest honor bestowed upon a men's lacrosse player.

I am pleased to join the Bernardsville Community in congratulating CJ and wish him nothing but continued success in his lacrosse career.

HONORING OSCAR RENTERIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Oscar Renteria on his selection by the Napa Valley Grapegrowers as the 2025 Napa Valley Grower of the Year. This award recognizes Mr. Renteria's steadfast commitment to sustainable farming, agricultural preservation, and community leadership, all of which have left a lasting impact on our Napa Valley grapegrowing community.

Born in St. Helena, Mr. Renteria graduated from St. Mary's College in 1989 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. Shortly after graduation, he joined his family's business, Renteria Vineyard Management, founded two years earlier by his father Salvador Renteria, a respected vineyard worker who became a leading entrepreneur in our Napa Valley. While Mr. Renteria originally focused on administrative work, he quickly became engaged in the hands-on aspects of viticulture. By 1993 he had assumed proprietorship of the business, working directly with the company's prestigious clients.

In 1995, following his father's retirement, Mr. Renteria was named President of Renteria Vineyard Management. Under Mr. Renteria's leadership the company has grown to become one of the largest and most trusted vineyard management firms in the North Bay, with the company managing over 2,200 vineyard acres, nearly 80 full time employees, and 400 seasonal workers. In 1997, Mr. Renteria founded the Renteria family's wine brand, Tres Perlas Wines, a boutique wine label producing limited-production wines.

As President of Renteria Vineyard Management, and owner of Tres Perlas Wines, Mr. Renteria has championed environmentally responsible farming practices that elevate our Napa Valley's global reputation for premium viticulture. Mr. Renteria has committed his companies to environmental stewardship by utilizing the latest innovations in equipment, tools, software, fruit analysis, imaging, and data analysis. These resources enable precision farming and help his team respond effectively to the increasing challenges posed by climate change.

Mr. Renteria is also dedicated to supporting the farmworkers who work alongside him through leadership development, education, and legal assistance. Through his company's Farmworker Concierge Service, Renteria Vineyard Management offers services such as

driver's license assistance, document translation, housing support, citizenship guidance, notary services, English literacy classes, and high school scholarships for employees.

Mr. Renteria's leadership extends into community and philanthropic work. He currently serves on the boards of the Napa Valley Grapegrowers, the Napa Valley Farmworker Foundation, and the St. Helena Hospital Foundation. His previous service includes roles with the Napa Valley Community Foundation and serving on the Board of Trustees of his alma mater, Justin-Siena High School. Mr. Renteria has also made significant contributions to non-profit organizations that support educational opportunities for farmworker's and their families. His philanthropy has benefited institutions such as the Blue Oak School and the Napa Valley Community Foundation, empowering underserved communities and creating lasting opportunities for advancement and growth.

Outside of the wine community, Mr. Renteria is husband to Denise Renteria, and they are the proud parents of three daughters Isabella, Mia, and Gabriella. He is widely appreciated for his sense of humor, strong personal values, and wholehearted commitment to both his family and his work.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Renteria is a community member we should all strive to be. His passion for viticulture and dedication to his grape growing community make him deserving of the 2025 Napa Valley Grower of the Year. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor Oscar Renteria here today.

RECOGNIZING NEIL QUINN

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Mr. Neil Quinn has made to our community through his work as an exceptional volunteer for Habitat for Humanity of Citrus County for the past five years. In 2024 alone, this retired electrical engineer volunteered nearly 400 hours across our construction sites and ReStores. Mr. Quinn's impact is profoundly felt by the partner families working toward homeownership. On construction sites, he shares his expertise by teaching them essential home building and maintenance skills. His mentorship empowers these families with practical knowledge and fosters a sense of ownership of their future homes. Beyond construction, Mr. Quinn repairs and revitalizes electrical appliances at the organization's ReStores. By increasing the inventory of resellable goods, he directly helps generate funds that enable the construction of more affordable homes in our community. Neil is the epitome of a team player, consistently willing to contribute his time and talents wherever needed. His dedication and positive attitude are respected by fellow volunteers, Habitat staff, and the partner families he supports. Neil Quinn's commitment embodies the spirit of Habitat for Humanity, making a tangible difference in the lives of families striving for safe, stable, and affordable housing in Citrus County.

It is clear that Neil Quinn has made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and

I am grateful for his service. May we all strive to serve our communities with the same dedication and humility.

RECOGNIZING ISABELLA GARCIA

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Isabella Garcia for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Isabella has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Isabella, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Isabella's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Three Creeks K-8 and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Isabella Garcia on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

HONORING THE 2024 FELLOWS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF INVENTORS

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 170 inventors who will be inducted as the 2024 Fellows of the National Academy of Inventors (NAI). An induction ceremony will take place June 23–26, 2025, in Atlanta, Georgia to celebrate these inventors and their incredible accomplishments. The ceremony will be presided over by the Acting Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Coke Morgan Stewart, and President of the National Academy of Inventors, Dr. Paul R. Sanberg. To be named as a Fellow, these individuals were nominated by their peers and underwent a review process by the NAI Selection Committee, which ultimately deemed their innovations as making a significant impact on the quality of life, economic development and the welfare of their communities, the residents of Florida and the United States.

The NAI Fellow program has 2,068 Fellows worldwide representing more than 300 prestigious universities and governmental and nonprofit research institutes. Collectively, the Fellows hold more than 68,000 issued U.S. patents, which have generated over 20,000 licensed technologies, 4,000 companies and created more than 1.2 million jobs. In addition, over \$3.2 trillion in revenue has been generated based on NAI Fellow discoveries.

Among NAI fellows, there are more than 170 senior leaders of research universities and nonprofit research institutes, over 755 members of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine, 63 inductees of the National Inventors Hall of Fame, 70 recipients of the U.S. National Medal of Technology and Innovation and U.S.

National Medal of Science, 57 Nobel Laureates, over 533 AAAS Fellows, over 395 IEEE Fellows and more than 232 Fellows of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, among other awards and distinctions.

Founded by Dr. Paul R. Sanberg at the University of South Florida in 2010, the NAI's mission is to recognize and encourage inventors with patents issued from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, enhance the visibility of academic technology and innovation, encourage the disclosure of intellectual property, educate, and mentor innovative students and translate the inventions of its members to benefit Florida and communities all throughout the United States. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my neighbors in Tampa Bay and the citizens of Florida, I am proud to honor the 2024 Fellows of the National Academy of Inventors for this outstanding achievement. We owe a debt of gratitude to these inventors for their invaluable contributions to society, which continually propel us forward. May their example inspire future generations to pursue their own paths of discovery and innovation, ensuring a bright and innovative future for us all. I include in the RECORD the 2024 National Academy of Inventors Fellows Class:

Ishwar Aggarwall, The University of North Carolina at Charlotte; Pierre Agostini, The Ohio State University; Mark Akeson, University of California, Santa Cruz; Yousef Al-Abed, The Feinstein Institutes for Medical Research; Herb Aldwinckle, Cornell University; Dan Ammon Jr., University at Buffalo, The State University of New York; Alain Aspect, Institut d'Optique Graduate School; Corinne E. Augelli-Szafran, Southern Research Institute; Clinton Ballinger, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; Robert S. Balog, Texas A&M University; Prith Banerjee, University of Illinois at Chicago; Ronald Barrett-Gonzalez, University of Kansas; Robert Bartlett, University of Michigan; Peter J. Basser, National Institutes of Health; Mounji Bawendi, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Dibakar Bhattacharyya, University of Kentucky; Pratim Biswas, University of Miami; Silvia Blemker, University of Virginia; William Branch, University of Georgia; Malcolm Brenner, Baylor College of Medicine; Richard K. Brow, Missouri University of Science and Technology; Edgar B. Cahoon, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Jianfeng Ca, University of South Florida; Hui Cao, Yale University; Arnold Caplan, Case Western Reserve University; John M. Cioffi, Stanford University; Corie L. Cobb, University of Washington.

Eric W. Cochran, Iowa State University; Daniel Codd, University of San Diego; Todd J. Cohen, New York Institute of Technology; Bruce N. Cronstein, New York University Grossman School of Medicine; Maria Croyle, The University of Texas at Austin; Anthony Czarnik, University of Nevada, Reno; Arvin Dar, Memorial Sloan Kettering Institute Cancer Center; Matthew Darr, Iowa State University; Hiranmoy Das, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center; Kenneth Dawson-Scully, Nova Southeastern University; Edward J. Delp, Purdue University; Horacio Dante Espinosa, Northwestern University; Ying Fang, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; Aaron Franklin, Duke University; Eby Friedman, University of Rochester; Klaus Früh, Oregon Health & Science University; Lilit Garibyan, Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard University; Robert Garry, Tulane University; Manas Ranjan Gartia, Louisiana State University; Arun K. Ghosh, Purdue University; Simon Francis Giszter, Drexel University; Steven Goldman, University of Rochester; Andrea Goldsmith,

Princeton University; David Gracias, Johns Hopkins University; Joel S. Greenberger, University of Pittsburgh; Jaime Grunlan, Texas A&M University; Ephraim Gutmark, University of Cincinnati.

Keith Hearon, Boston University; Larry Heck, Georgia Institute of Technology; Wolfgang Heidrich, King Abdullah University of Science and Technology; Joseph P. Heremans, The Ohio State University; Mark Hoffman, University of Missouri-Kansas City; Kaibin Huang, The University of Hong Kong; Bertram Jacobs, Arizona State University; Hamid Jafarkhani, University of California, Irvine; Shihin Jiang, The University of Arizona; Christopher S. Johnson, Argonne National Laboratory; Sergei V. Kalinin, University of Tennessee, Knoxville/Pacific Northwest National Laboratory; Homayoon Kazerooni, University of California, Berkeley; Brian G. Kiernan, New Jersey Institute of Technology; Steven Koester, University of Minnesota; Johann Walter Kolar, ETH Zurich—Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich; Farinaz Koushanfar, University of California, San Diego; Ferenc Krausz, Max Planck Institute of Quantum Optics, Garching, Germany; Ashok Kumar, University of South Florida; Eren Kurshan, Princeton University; Ioannis Kymissis, Columbia University; Klaus Lackner, Arizona State University; Gregory Lanza, Washington University in St. Louis; Matthew Laskoski, U.S. Naval Research Laboratory; Chih-Kung Lee, National Taiwan University.

Hui (Helen) Li, Florida State University; Hai Li, Duke University; Wenbin Lin, University of Chicago; Walter Ian Lipkin, Columbia University; Xuedong Liu, University of Colorado Boulder; Devinder Mahajan, Stony Brook University; Abhijit Mahalanobis, The University of Arizona; Stanton F. McHardy, The University of Texas at San Antonio; Michael McLaughlin, The University of Adelaide; Shawn A. Mehlenbacher, Oregon State University; Charles L. Melcher, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville; Tommaso Melodia, Northeastern University; Rajesh Menon, The University of Utah; Theodore Moise, The University of Texas at Dallas; David Morse, H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute; Javad Mostaghimi, University of Toronto; Naima Moustaid-Moussa, Texas Tech University; Christopher Murray, University of Pennsylvania; Tina M. Nenoff, Sandia National Laboratories; Gabriele Neumann, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Kytai T. Nguyen, The University of Texas at Arlington; Michael Niederweis, The University of Alabama at Birmingham; Thomas Nosker, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey; Rafail Ostrovsky, University of California, Los Angeles.

Cynthia Owsley, The University of Alabama at Birmingham; Cengiz Ozkan, University of California, Riverside; Makarand Paranjape, Georgetown University; Dan Peer, Tel Aviv University; Yuri Karl Peterson, Medical University of South Carolina; Konstantin Petrukhin, Columbia University; Wellington Pham, Vanderbilt University; Edwin Piner, Texas State University; Darrin Pochan, University of Delaware; Francisco Quintana, Harvard University; Muhammad Rabnawaz, Michigan State University; P. Srirama Rao, Virginia Commonwealth University; Ramesh Raskar, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Edward Ratner, University of Houston; Jeff Reed, Virginia Tech; Fan Ren, University of Florida; Catherine L. Riddle, Idaho National Laboratory; Guilermo Risatti, University of Connecticut; Carol Robinson, University of Oxford; Cliona Mary Rooney, Baylor College of Medicine; Alberto Sallao, Stanford University; Richard Samulski, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Gaurav N. Sant, University of